

Please replace the paragraph on page 2, lines 4-11, as follows:

The hydrophobic, pyrogenically produced silica used for purposes of the present invention can be, for example, the silicas known as:

Aerosil R 812 or Aerosil R 8128, having the group  $-O-Si(CH_3)_3$

Aerosil R 202, Aerosil MS 202, Aerosil MS 202, Aerosil R 106

or Aerosil R 104 having the group

Aerosil R 805 having the group

On pages 5 and 6, please insert "TABLE 1" and "TABLE 1 Continued", respectively.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly delete Claims 3 and 9, without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 1 and 4, as shown below.

1. (Amended) A hydrophobic, pyrogenically produced silica, having a tamped density of 55 to 200 g/l, and which is hydrophobicized by reaction with a halogen-free silane.

4. (Amended) The hydrophobic, pyrogenically produced silica according to Claim 1, wherein said silica has a chloride content of less than or equal to 100 ppm.